

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Patrick Turner on 2/22/2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

Withdrawn claims 14-19 have been cancelled.

In claim 1, line 10, "a diameter" has been replaced with --an inner diameter--.

In claim 1, line 13, "a diameter" has been replaced with --an outer diameter--.

In claim 1, line 17, "wherein the diameter of the outer covering and the diameter of the inner core" has been replaced with --wherein the inner diameter of the outer covering and the outer diameter of the inner core--.

In claim 1, line 18, "the diameter" has been replaced with --the inner diameter--.

In claim 1, line 19, "the diameter" has been replaced with --the outer diameter--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL KAHRELIN whose telephone number is (571)272-8688. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5.

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